

AWAIT ORDERS

MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE
PIANOS

At No Other Time of the year can pianos be purchased so reasonably as now. Midway between the two seasons of the piano business it is time to close the business of one season and get ready for the next. This sale is a clean up of exchanged pianos and left-over stock.

We received it during the past season and want to dispose of it before the next.

To that end we have priced each instrument in such a manner as to cause it to be sold to the first comers.

A child could buy a piano at this sale as safely as the shrewdest buyer. Every piano advertised is on hand and marked in plain figures.

The Wissner House does the largest piano business in Bridgeport and is the representative piano concern of the city. Therefore no risk in buying now, even though prices do seem ridiculously low.

This is the harvest time for ready buyers. Do not delay.

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WILLIAM HALL & SON SQUARE.
Mellow tone Rosewood case, wound bass strings, ivory keys, 3 pedals.
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CUMMINGS SQUARE. Rosewood case, ivory keys, sweet tone, seven octaves, carved legs.
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WINCHESTER SQUARE. Walnut case, seven octaves, carved music rack, good tone.
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SPEEDMAN & BOLLYER SQUARE. Rosewood case, hand carved legs, beautiful tone, perfect condition, seven octaves.
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NEW UPRIGHT. Bur Walnut case, brilliant tone, carved legs, magnificently trimmed.
\$110.00

GARDEN UPRIGHT. Mahogany case, carved panel, 3 pedals, colonial design.
\$160.00

SHENARD UPRIGHT. Walnut case, carved panel, good as new.
\$195.00

LECKERLING UPRIGHT. Mahogany case, carved panel, colonial design, ivory keys, Boudoir size.
\$220.00

MURHEAD UPRIGHT. Brass pedals, fancy panel, Boudoir size.
\$75.00

LECKERLING. Walnut case, late models, 3 pedals, full mellow tone, good as new.
\$265.00

WISSNER UPRIGHT. Studio size, mahogany case, fancy panel, carved legs, rare bargain.
\$215.00

GILBERT UPRIGHT. Mahogany case, Boudoir size, 3 pedals, plain panel, up-to-date model.
\$175.00

RICHARDSON UPRIGHT. Largest size, colonial design, full tone, cannot be told from new.
\$190.00

MISSION PIANOS. Brand new, sample styles, regular price \$300.00, during sale only.
\$215.00

Every piano in the above list is on hand and can be purchased at the prices quoted. A small deposit, say \$10, and your promise to pay \$5, \$6 or \$7 per month or more, will send a piano home. It is seldom that "sales" are advertised by us, but when they are you can depend upon it—there are genuine bargains to be had. The first choice is the best. Come early and have your pick of every one on the list.

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ARGUMENT
AGAINST
PROHIBITION

Strong Document Upon the Subject by Phoebe W. Cousins

Louisville, Ky., August 13.—If our revolutionary fathers had been told after seven years of bloody struggles for freedom of the human race, over the despots of the ages, which resulted in the establishment of a nation with constitution for guidance and protection of all its citizens not only of their age, but for further generations, that within a period of 130 years there would come time to the blessed republic when self government by the individual would be denied, and summary enactments of one class of its citizens over the eating and drinking of the other class, could be actually framed into law and forced into public prohibition, while the safeguards over property and inheritance, and the 'ex post facto' clause which forbids a reversionary application, to those who have hitherto been recognized as within the protection of its sovereign inhibition, would be cast aside, and confiscation of millions of valuable property, without legal process of compensation, the owners thereof outlawed and estates penalized, as of criminal origin would be permitted and applauded, the founders of our liberties might have lost courage and heart and our rich inheritance shorn of much of its strength.

And if on the other hand, these same patriots had been further told that European countries, where monarchical systems prevail, in our day and generation, would solve the problem of self-restraint in temperate living by a dual system of strict surveillance of the government over the purveyor and purchaser alike, and of the governed, a cheerful obedience to the mandate of this rule, without evasion or contention, their belief in the continued and onward growth of a Republic whose foundations they were striving to cement in broad and lasting corner stones, might have been severely shaken.

Why this anomaly of a republic unable to properly guard and restrain one of its important arms of commerce and trade, which yields a revenue of one third of the taxes—which from the time when our Nation was in the throes of financial rehabilitation after the struggle for liberty, at the suggestion of the first Secretary of the Treasury, was recognized as an important feeder and mainstay for the security of America's debts and credits? While across the seas, where the citizen is a subject and must yield his personality to the monarchs and aristocracies, the appetites 'en masse' are so directed as to be the source of pleasure, of profit, and of protection to the individual and government alike.

Whence this humiliating comparison? From the simple and underlying fact that the governments of Europe are not in the center of distribution, which if violated in the smallest fraction, brings punishment so dire and complete as to forever place the holder of the law, by the law, and social ostracism, by his fellows, on the sinner. Treating, such as has become the scandal and disgrace of this country, would not be allowed in any of the civilized centres of Europe. The citizen there does not drink to get drunk, he takes his pleasures in the splendid gardens and restaurants, abundantly provided on every hand, with his family and friends for the social delights of music, flowers, good fellowship and the camaraderie of contact with Nature and his kind, in discussion of grave problems in art, science, literature and government. He pays for his own drink and does not expect the waiter to pay for him. He is surrounded by those influences which are calculated to uplift and ennoble and goes home sober with his family—not a drunken lout.

You may traverse the continent, from one end to the other, and never encounter an intoxicated native—the sole exhibit of this indecency, if perchance he shows himself, is always from America or England.

It was my good fortune to be a guest at the reception given the Vienna Saengerbund, the finest body of singers in the world, by the choral societies of Washington. Their physiques were as remarkable and commanded a like admiration, as did the composite voice which sang as a unit, in complete harmony and vocalization. From birth their staple food was wine, and beer testified to brawn and brain, and when used in moderation.

From my vantage of vantage, I watched the various types in their enjoyment of the hospitalities of a generous buffet. The Austrians mixed their food and drinks, with slow gustatory relish as they received or gave a toast, singing a line, or shouting a familiar text from their poetic authors. The Germans, likewise, though less deliberate while the Americans, but few in number, consumed more liquids than their presence warranted, and drank as if their last chance at the flowing bowl was limited to the occasion.

On the other hand, if the Government is strict in its enforcement of the prohibition, it is the habit of its subjects, so too, these sturdy yeomen are equally potential in protecting their privileges and losses. In Munich, Bavaria, many years ago, the brewers had the temerity to advance the price of beer 1/2c on a quart. Within a few hours the city was wrecked and the others put up the white flag forthwith. You can get in Munich today, a quart of the finest and purest beer, with radish, cheese and bread, and a fine concert thrown in, for less than 10 cents of American money and it would be a brave monarch or purveyor who should attempt to curtail the personal liberty or privilege of these sturdy patriots; and yet America witnesses governors and statesmen whose authority the municipalities issue edicts on even the citizen's right to the protection of his own home as to his habits therein, which would call for riot on an Emperor's palace within 48 hours, if perpetrated across the seas.

Moreover these wise reciprocity laws from over the seas, recognize the fact of human nature, which our Prohibition enactments with their confiscatory evils do not.

When reforms are attempted, they must be in harmony with Nature's law, not in contravention. If we review history from either a sacred or secular standpoint, the fact is vividly portrayed, that human nature is about the same throughout the ages, that appetites and passions govern the race, in like proportion; and that it is these same appetites and passions which wisely directed, send humanity forward towards the heights of civilization, or stagnate its forces, if unduly distorted, into baleful disaster.

One of the most noted of physicians during the Victorian age, Sir William Roberts, while acknowledging all of the heinous sins of which alcohol is guilty, the volume of crime, misery, poverty and disease which it has caused, yet recognizes its value, and the

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